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NWT Labour Force Activity - November 2013 -

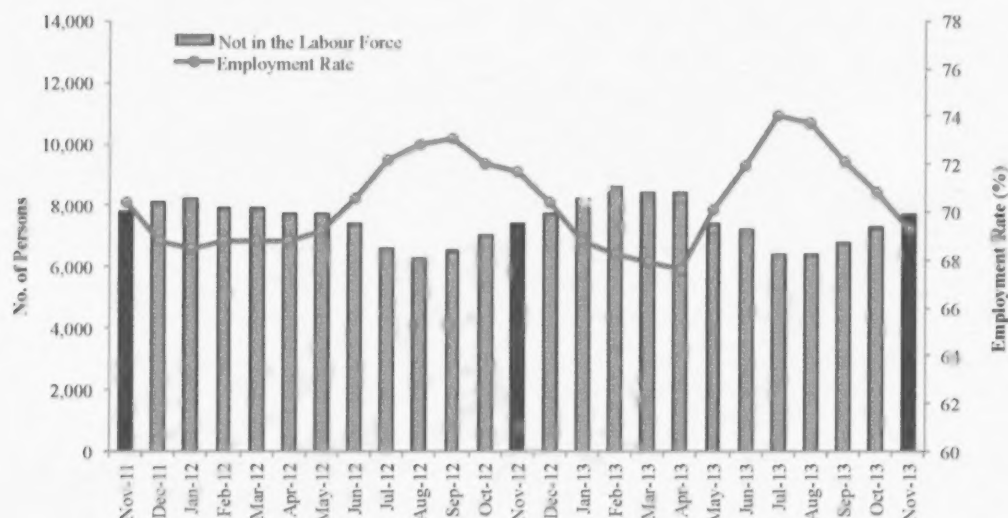
In November 2013, Statistics Canada estimates that 22,100 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 69.3% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 61.9%.

Compared to the previous month, the NWT employment rate decreased by 1.5 percentage points, translating into 500 fewer employed persons. This decline in labour force activity is consistent with the seasonal decline during the fall months. Comparing the seasonal cycles over the last 2 years shows the NWT employment rate peaked at a higher level and is now decreasing more rapidly this year than last year. (Figure 1).

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, November 2013

	Nov-13	Oct-13	Nov-12
Population	31,900	31,900	32,100
Labour Force	24,200	24,000	24,700
Employed	22,100	22,600	23,000
Unemployed	2,100	2,000	1,700
Not in Labour Force	7,700	7,900	7,400
Participation (%)	75.9	77.1	76.9
Employment (%)	69.3	70.8	71.7
Unemployment (%)	8.7	8.1	6.9

Figure 1 *Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rates*
Northwest Territories, 2011-2013



All key characteristics experienced an employment rate decline last month, with the 15-24 age group falling the most. Compared to the last month, the employment rate for youth decreased by 3.1 percentage points, likely due to the decrease in seasonal employment. The employment rate also decreased for those outside Yellowknife and for non-aboriginals (Table 2).

Table 2 *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories*

	Nov-13		Oct-13		Sep-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	22,100	69.3	22,600	70.8	23,000	72.1
15-24 Yrs.	3,100	47.7	3,300	50.8	3,500	53.8
25 Yrs. & Over	19,000	74.8	19,300	76.0	19,500	76.8
Males	11,700	70.5	11,900	71.7	12,100	72.9
Females	10,400	68.0	10,700	69.9	10,900	71.2
Aboriginal	7,900	54.1	7,800	54.5	8,000	55.9
Non-Aboriginal	14,200	82.1	14,800	84.1	15,000	84.7
Yellowknife	12,700	80.9	12,900	82.2	13,200	82.0
Other	9,400	57.7	9,700	59.9	9,800	62.0

Table 3 shows that between November and October, 500 fewer people were employed, and much of the decline were full-time public employees. Over the last year, 900 fewer people were employed, partly due to a shift away from public employment into private employment. Between November 2012 and November 2013, public employment decreased by 1,300 people, whereas private employment increased by 400.

Table 3 *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, November 2013*

	Nov-13	Oct-13	Nov-12	Oct-13 to Nov-13	Nov-12 to Nov-13
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	22,100	22,600	23,000	(500)	(900)
Full-time	20,000	20,500	20,700	(500)	(700)
Part-time	2,100	2,100	2,300	-	(200)
Employees	20,500	20,600	21,400	(100)	(900)
Public	9,100	9,700	10,400	(600)	(1,300)
Private	11,300	11,000	10,900	300	400
Self-employment	1,700	2,000	1,600	(300)	100
Goods Producing	3,700	3,800	4,000	(100)	(300)
Service Producing	18,400	18,800	19,100	(400)	(700)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 **Labour Force Activity**
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partici- pation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Previous Years:								
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Nov-11	32,100	24,300	22,600	1,700	7,800	75.7	7.0	70.4
Nov-10	32,200	23,200	21,900	1,200	9,100	72.0	5.2	68.0
Nov-09	32,100	22,000	20,500	1,500	10,100	68.5	6.8	63.9
Nov-08	32,100	24,200	22,800	1,400	7,900	75.4	5.8	71.0
Nov-07	31,900	24,600	23,100	1,500	7,300	77.1	6.1	72.4
Nov-06	31,400	24,300	23,000	1,300	7,100	77.4	5.3	73.2
Nov-05	31,300	23,500	22,300	1,200	7,800	75.1	5.1	71.2
Nov-04	31,000	23,400	22,200	1,200	7,600	75.5	5.1	71.6
Nov-03	30,600	22,900	21,400	1,500	7,700	74.8	6.6	69.9

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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